— But I have written enough, as an advocate correspondent. It is pitt upon midnight, and I must wind off. — I have been for some time very busy, and still am, in the preparation of a Tract upon Victims of the Fugitive Slave Law, and have delayed writing you longer than I had intended.

The subscriber's name I last sent you was Rev. E. M. Wheelock, Dover, N.H. — Mr. Wallcut writes me that, one of his subscribers to the Advocate (D. F. Child) has discontinued his paper; and that another, Charles Follen Esq "is to have his paper come directly to him, thro' the Post Office". — Whence I infer that Follen has given you some direction in the matter, so that now only a single paper is to go to be sent in Mr Wallcut's name.

I am sorry ashamed to tell you that I have not yet done anything in relation to your request about Mr. Sparrow — partly that ever since receiving it, I have been so much engrossed, Henrie, and partly that it is not at all clear to me how I should proceed in the case; but I go to Boston tomorrow, will take advice, inquire at some Advertising agencies, &c. You speak of Lemon, or John Kehoe, of Trenton. There are several Trentons — in New Jersey, in New York, &c.

We hear that our boy Edward sailed from Hong Kong, China, on the 8th November last, for home,

to come via San Francisco, and thence by Steamer; - a route which your Son Richard knows about from experience. We suppose he may, even now, be in S. F.; and hope to see him in the course of the coming Spring. —

Of course you will understand, and I hope all readers of the Advocate will understand that the Abolitionists are not at all discomforted at the Secession of South Carolina and her Sister Cotton States. We would not put a straw in the way of their leaving the Union, but only regret that the North had not virtue and self-respect enough to leave their fellowship long since. We would speed their parting — but would demand to have it done decently, with a certain courtesy; and decidedly that they should not dishonestly lay their hands upon U.S. property as they do. It is my belief that their unmolested experiment of Self-government would be one of the most instructive lessons & most ~~stupendous~~ complete failures the world ever saw. Indeed, some of the already confess incompetency, by proposing to establish a Monarchy (!), and to invite over from Europe some Prince of the Royal House of Hanover perhaps, or somewhere (!!) I think this has been seriously suggested. Was ever such folly?

Yours, still, for Liberty and Justice —
for God & Humanity —
No Slavery — No Slave Trade —
Freedom forever! — Affectionately
S. May Jr.

P.S.— I ought to have said that the matter of Miss Esther's subscription has been settled - thus - (according to your suggestion) - Six dollars are withdrawn from the credit on Mrs. Tribe's & Mr. Stephens's papers (2 Standards) - that sum having been erroneously credited to them on the Standard books; — and that amt. to wit $6. credited to Miss Esther; $3. of it for a year's payment to Standard, and the other $3. handed to Mr. Wallace for a year's payment to Liberator.

A few hours after your son Richard left us, I rec'd. your little note of Sept. 9th. As I judged from it you were not writing to him by that mail (i.e. not to any address in this part of the country) I forthwith mailed to him, at Mr. Sulcit's in Ohio, that portion of your note which would immediately interest him; I hope it will reach him.

It is indeed to be lamented that any of our members should pursue the course of S.S. Foster, Haviland, & Others. But I think (I hope at least) that the worst is over.

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